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SUBJ: NARCOTICS LAWS

REF: STATE 170187

1. REGRET POST CANNOT FULFILL YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

2. GENERAL OPINION SEEMS TO BE THAT THERE ARE IN FACT NO NARCOTICS LAWS. FOR CENTURIES AND EVEN IN THE LAST TWO DECADES, THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN RULED BY DECREE. COURT SYSTEMS AS WE KNOW THEM DO NOT EXIST.

3. VARIOUS DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION.

4. NATIVES GROW AND SELL A LEAF PRODUCT CALLED QAT (PRONOUNCED GOT) WHICH IS A THRIVING LEGAL BUSINESS. WHEN RELATIVELY LARGE QUANTITIES ARE CHEWED AND HELD IN THE JAW IT REPORTEDLY HAS A MILD RELAXING EFFECT. SOLDIERS ARE GIVEN RATIONS OF IT.

5. ALTHOUGH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE FORBIDDEN BY RELIGIOUS LAW, THERE APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASING USE OF IT. CUSTOMS AND SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE INEFFECTUAL DUE TO LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN INSTITUTIONALZIED GOVERN-
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MENTAL CONTROLS.

6. THE INFORMATION YOU SEEK WOULD TAKE MONTHS TO DEVELOP BY TRIAL AND ERROR INTERVIEWS IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME REASONABLE EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION HERE. A CENTRAL AUTHORITY WITH RELIABLE INFORMATION (VERBAL) DOES NOT EXIST.

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7. IN GENERAL, CRIMINAL OFFESNES ARE DEALT WITH IN A MOST
SEVERE FASHION AND WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS DOES NOT EXIST.
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